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For: WIRELESS COMMUNICATION APPARATUS,  
SYSTEM, AND DEVICE COMMUNICATING  
WITH ANOTHER WIRELESS  
COMMUNICATION APPARATUS, SYSTEM,  
AND DEVICE IN AN AUTONOMOUS  
DISTRIBUTED NETWORK WITHOUT A  
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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-13 and 15-25, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows. A request for a one (1) month extension of time accompanies this response.